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CHARLESTON, IL--Success of Eastern Illinois University pre-engineering students who transfer to the University of Illinois is "almost unbelievable," according to Dr. C.S. Larson, College of Engineering, U of I.

Larson, Assistant Dean, said that in the last 10 years 298 transfer students from Eastern have been admitted to the Illinois College of Engineering, and only three have been dropped because of academic difficulties.

Eastern president Dr. Stanley Rives reported Larson's comments to the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities at its meeting in Chicago Thursday.

"This success rate," Rives said, "reflects the quality of our students and the excellent instruction they receive. And, certainly, it reflects the dedicated efforts of Dr. William Cloud, the pre-engineering program director."

In a letter to Rives, Larson said "this success rate is by far the best of any transfer school which has a significant number of students coming to our campus every year.

"All of this speaks for itself, with respect to the excellent educational program that the students receive during their two years at Eastern. This is due in no small part to the untiring and diligent efforts of Dr. William Cloud.

"All of us in the College of Engineering wish to congratulate Eastern on its excellent efforts and we look forward to a long and continued relationship."

Eastern's pre-engineering students transfer to the U of I in two different situations, Cloud said. Approximately 90 percent of students qualified to transfer to an engineering college elect to go to Illinois after two years at Eastern.

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Under a cooperative engineering degree program, students may attend Eastern for three years before transferring. After two years at Illinois, they receive a B.S. degree from Eastern and an engineering degree from Illinois.

Cloud said "the real credit for this success should go to the departments involved in the pre-engineering curricula. They do a tremendous job in helping prepare these young people."